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PRAHRAN SCORES



—“Soccer News” photo.

George Thorrington heads into the net past the Sunshine United centre from a fine centre from Joe Wilson (outside-right), while Les Bird endeavors to cover the goal-keeper.

Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8.



It is the privilege of this Association to have a very hard-working secretary. This pint-size gentleman may be seen dashing around at games each Saturday. He also attends many meetings weekly, and on Saturday evenings he tabulates the League tables, and contacts the Press, etc. Generally, he may be said to be doing a pretty efficient job.

However, the position of Association secretary is definitely intended to be only a part-time job. Never at any time has it been suggested to this gentleman by the "Powers that be" that he should not have time off for meals. Recently I had the pleasure of dining at the Beaton residence. To my amazement, I spent the entire meal without the company of my host. No sooner had we sat down to table than the door bell rang and our secretary left to discuss urgent business with a club official. Twice again the same thing occurred. Although no complaint was forthcoming from this long-suffering gentleman, I could not but feel that this state of affairs was out of all reason. (Rumor has it that callers arrive even before breakfast.)

Most club business—though it may seem urgent to that club—is not such that it cannot be done by post. If it is so urgent, Mr. Olsen, assistant secretary, can be reached by telephone at LB 1444. So let us spare a thought for this long-suffering secretary of ours (and Mrs. Secretary) and let him have his meals and home life in peace. If he does not eat, how the blazes are we ever going to make him grow?

The position of the League tables is becoming increasingly more interesting. Definite shape is beginning to appear in all sections. In League 1, Box Hill is hanging on to a slender lead from Brighton and Yallourn. The Gippsland side has come back with a vengeance. There can be no doubt that it is a fine side, with a strong nucleus from last season and the addition of one or two migrants. Barrett at centre-half is certainly a very strong player.

In Division 2, J.U.S.T. appear to be taking grip, though Juventus and F.N.D. are close behind. Hakoah for the time being seem to have struck a patch. Fifers, the strong side from last year's Third Division, do not yet appear to have found their feet.

International Harvester, at the head of Division 3, is a much improved team on last year's. If it achieve victories in the next two weeks it should have a firm grip on the section.

Division 4 brings us to the new Polonia, Maccabi, and Ulsterville clubs, with no defeats in four games. The solid goal averages are almost identical against. We would say that if paper figures are anything to go on, two at least of these clubs will not tarry long in the lowly divisions. However, none of three teams mentioned has played the others, so the next three weeks will be of great interest to all who are keenly following what is undoubtedly this year's extremely exciting competition.

Next Wednesday, Jubilee Day, our readers are reminded that a full round of League games will be played. Victoria will be playing South Australia in Adelaide, and one or more Victorians will be in Sydney in the Australian trial game—Australia versus New South Wales.

BON VOYAGE

"Soccer News" extends its best wishes to all the Victorian players who are representing us interstate, both in Adelaide and Sydney.

GOOD LUCK, CHAPS!

Readers are reminded that on Wednesday next, May 9, the Jubilee edition of "Soccer News" will be on sale at all grounds. Club officials who collect their copies at railway stations are asked to pick up Wednesday's issue at the same time as this issue.—EDITOR.



THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS FOOTBALL CLUB

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Story by Vic. Rose

(Part 1)

Having been a one-eyed follower of Tottenham Hotspur all my life, it is with much reluctance that I name the club which comes under the above heading.

The Association brand of football in 1886 was at a very low ebb in the south of England, generally. A little enthusiasm was still manifested in a few places. One of these was known as Dial Square, which was a section of Woolwich arsenal. A few of the Dial Square workers resolved on an Association football team. They subscribed 5/6 between themselves for a ball. One member added 5/- from his own pocket. The half-guinea so subscribed became the financial foundation of the club. No uniforms were provided. It is on record that one member turned out in a blue and black shirt, ordinary boots, and pair of long trousers with legs cut down.

The club's first meeting in December, 1886, at the Royal Oak Hotel, decided on the name of the Royal Arsenal Football Club. Some of the enthusiasts at the meeting had played with Nottingham Forest, the oldest club in England, and still were possessed of the red shirts of the Foresters. Thus red gradually became the dominant color it is today.

Since those days the name of the club has changed twice—to Woolwich Arsenal in 1891 and to Arsenal in 1913, when the club moved to its present ground at Highbury. The ground used the first season was on Plumstead Common. The next season, 1887-1888, a ground was rented from a Mr. Walton, who by occupation was a pig breeder. During 1889-1890 the club played on the Manor ground and it was this ground that was purchased in 1893, when the club became a limited liability company.

The club entered the Second Division of the English Football League in 1893-1894. For the first few years its record was fair. Its financial difficulties were surmounted at the turn of the century, and promotion to the First Division came in 1904-5. It reached the semi-final of the Cup in 1907. Twenty years elapsed before it again figured in a semi-final round. Competition from other London clubs, mainly Tottenham, Chelsea, and Fulham, becoming keen The Arsenal found itself again in financial difficulties. Relegation to Division 2 was suffered in 1912-13. It was then decided to move the club across London to Highbury and the name was changed to Arsenal.

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ADVANCE INFORMATION

By ALEX JARVIS

With reference to the article in No. 1 issue of "Soccer News" this season by D. H. Dingham, "Australia and New Australians," the Sandringham Club is to be commended for its enterprise in endeavoring to propagate the game of Soccer and to contact players from overseas.

Mr. Bingham suggests that all clubs should write to the various organisations mentioned by him. However, why write 40 letters when one would do? This is a matter which should be dealt with by the council of the V.A.S.F.A. on behalf of all clubs.

It might be mentioned that more than three years ago a proposal of this kind was agreed to by the council, but to my knowledge it has never been carried out. The idea then was that the association should prepare a pamphlet which would be distributed at Australia House to migrants leaving for Australia. These pamphlets were to inform them that Soccer is played in Melbourne and giving information as to the districts in which clubs existed.

It was also proposed that further notices be placed on ships arriving at Fremantle (by arrangement with the Department of Immigration), giving particulars of the names of all clubs, the districts they play in, and the names and addresses of all club secretaries. In this way, migrants were fully informed before arrival at their destination where the nearest soccer club was to their new home.

I hope, therefore, that the council will give this matter further consideration at an early date, to the ultimate advantage of both the migrants and the clubs.

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BRITISH SOCCER

By L. A. W. PEARCE

Reprinted from "Soccer Weekly News" (N.S.W.)

England had extremely bad luck in being beaten by Scotland at Wembley—3-2. Manion collided with a Scottish defender head-on and was carried off on a stretcher early in the first half and took no further part in the game. The English selectors were complimented in bringing back into the side Stanley Matthews, Jack Froggatt, of Portsmouth, as centre-half, and Harold Hassall, 22-year-old, 6 ft., Huddersfield inside-left. The score at half-time was 1-1.

Fulham will play Glasgow Celtic three matches in the North American tour in May and June.

The Argentine will be sending a team to Britain after all, in spite of the fact that no English team will be playing there this year. Arsenal are playing in Brazil, and were willing to play two matches in the Argentine on a guarantee of £2800 per match, but negotiations failed.

Harry Ditton, in the "News of the World," 8/4/51, comments on the small proportion of schoolboy champions who subsequently make the grade in League football. In the English team against Scotland last Saturday week, there was only one player who gained international honors at school—the incomparable Stanley Matthews.

In "Everybody's," of 17/2/51, there is a fine article on "Soccer Stars for sale." He refers to the intense competition there is between clubs when they hear that a star has been placed on the transfer list. This is an illustration: "The most amusing tale of all, perhaps, concerns a manager who prefers to remain nameless. He learned that a well-known North Country player desired a transfer. Off went the manager to visit the player's home, only to run into several other club officials with similar intentions. Determined to be the first to put his offer, he secreted himself inside a closed hearse, and was borne to the player's home under the very noses of his rivals. He got his man."

The League position looks as if Tottenham are fairly safe with only three matches to play. They have a four points' lead over Manchester United. Sheffield Wednesday and Chelsea seem doomed for the Second Division next season.

In the Second Division there are three clubs who have a chance of accompanying Preston North End to the First Division. Manchester City with a match in hand over Cardiff and Birmingham may be the lucky one.

In the Third Division South there has been a surprising change. Notts Forest, who have been leading since early in the season, have been passed by Norwich City, who now lead them by one point, although the Forest have a match in hand. Norwich still have to play Crystal Palace and Ipswich at home and Bristol Rovers, Crystal Palace, Newport and Plymouth away. Notts Forest's remaining fixtures are with Newport, Northampton, Southend and Swindon at home, and Bristol Rovers, Exeter and Swindon away.

Rotherham have made themselves secure in the Third Division North.

In the Scottish "A" League there is still great interest as to who will accompany Falkirk down to Division "B." It may be any of Third Lanark, Morton, Airdrieonians, St. Mirren or Clyde.

Queen of the South look almost certain to go up to Division "A" with Stirling Albion.



Letters To The Editor

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.

Sir,—In the last two matches the Macedonian Soccer Club defeated Morabin, 1 goal to nil, the date being April 21, at Yarra Park; the next match, Polonia v. Macedonian Soccer Club on Yarra Park ground, April 28, Polonia won, 7 goals to nil.—Yours, etc., D. ELLIS.

[Mr. Sec., please note.—EDITOR.]

Sir,—With injuries (serious) to two First Division players, John Low, of Sandringham City, and the captain of Box Hill, the time is highly opportune when all clubs and associations should discuss ways and means of helping injured players. All these players have trained hard and played hard to give everybody a good game of football every week.

I suggest that the following ideas be discussed by all clubs and that action be taken:—

1. That all players pay into a common pool weekly the sum of 1/-, which must be compulsory.
2. If a player is injured he must produce a doctor's certificate before he can claim any amount from the fund.
3. That, say, a committee of five members meet to discuss all claims before payment is granted to any player.
4. If any player is off work through football injuries the committee could discuss same and, if the case warrants it, grant him a certain amount.

There are 70 teams playing weekly, which means there are 770 players who

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By ALEX BARR



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I HERD that THOM AS a good chance of getting DICK SCOT a game. I couldn't KERR whether he was on the PARK ER not. Frank says, "Listen, MAC, IVER better man than HIGGINS."

BOYS' DAY

Three months before the Schoolboys' Cup Final at Wembley over 20,000 tickets were sold. When the game was played over 70,000 people attended, and they weren't all schoolboys.

KEEN

The manager of Plymouth F.C. received a letter in answer to an appeal for players, when almost every player on Plymouth's books was out with the "Dear sir, I would be happy to play with your team. I am a centre-forward but I can also play in goal. I will be seven next month."

NO KILTIES

There are only three First Division clubs in England who have no Scotsmen in their team. They are Spurs, Stoke City and Burnley.

ENGLISH POOL SLUMP

This year only 9,850,000 participated weekly in football pools, compared with 11,900,000 last year. During the closed season, therefore, Victorian teams can dismay nine million people by fix-it results. You do know English pools use our fixtures during their summer!

POSSIBILITIES

Moorabbin have a smooth goal-keeper, a bit "Rough" at the moment, but definitely has prospects. Also Frank McVee says if Tommy Higgins and Bill Stewart can still play so can he, so look out Third Div. centre-halfs.

INFLATION

Last year Jack English, Northampton Town player, was on the transfer list at £2,500. In one game he rocketed into the five-figure class. We will hear of him soon as an English international.

MISSED THE BUS

Will Evans, of Sunshine United, arrived late for the coach to Yalourn. Never daunted, he hitch-hiked and arrived before the bus. Incidentally, he is proving himself as a forceful inside-forward.

GREEN FIELDS?

Footscray City are watching the grass growing these days. Their old ground has been relaid and is very good except that the grass doesn't grow as quickly as the weeds.

NO PRAYER MEETING

Stoke City and West Ham attended a sportsman forum conducted by Rev. S. Martin. The following week the two teams met in the fourth round Cup Tie, refereed by Rev. S. Martin, fully qualified F.A. whistler.

KEEPER SCORES

Albert Uytenbogaart, 6ft. 4in. South African, who keeps goal for Charlton, scored a goal with a long clearance. Some kick, or a blind goalie at the other end!

FOR KNOW ALLS

Stan Matthews once said, "If I live to be a thousand I'll never know all there is to know about football." I know people who have seen half a dozen poor games who reckon they've forgotten all there is to know.

SECRETARY'S NOTES



Phoning of Results.—On Wednesday, May 9, 1951, a full round of fixtures will be played. All clubs are reminded that results must be telephoned to the "Herald" Office, as is done on the Saturdays, for the Wednesday games.

English XI Visit.—All clubs are reminded that no matches can be played on Saturday, June 9, or Monday, June 11, as the English team will be playing in Melbourne on these dates.

Football Boots.—Following upon several reports by referees, each club is requested to provide boot-lasts on their grounds as the studs on the players' boots on inspection before the matches have been found to be in contravention to Law 4 of the Referees' Association. Nails must not be showing on the players' boots.

The Secretary of the V.A.S.F.A. (S. Beaton) regrets that he has to inform all Soccer officials and club members that he will not be able in the future to have callers at his residence (2 Clendon Road). There will be no exceptions to this ruling.

The V.A.S.F.A. has had for a considerable time an efficient 24 hours' reply by return letter service and all enquiries should be made through this channel. In case of emergency the Assistant Secretary (J. A. Olsen) can be contacted at LB 1444.

Letter to the Editor "Soccer News," 28/4/51.—In reply to "Query," Yallourn. I have pleasure in confirming that the League Tables are worked out by dividing Goals Against into Goals For. Owing to pressure of business I confess that the percentages were not gone into fully for the first two weeks. I am giving "Query" a public reply in "Soccer News" as I feel that such points raised are for the betterment of the game. I shall be pleased, if "Query" finds me out again, to send the Junior Association a donation to their funds. Fair enough?

Moorabbin City S.C.—Mr. Rosenfield has resigned and the new secretary is Mr. F. McIver, 7 Carlyon Street, Ormond, to whom all correspondence should be addressed.

Registration Forms and Team Sheets.—All orders for registration forms and team sheets should be sent direct to the Assistant Secretary, J. A. Olsen, 314 Inkerman Street, St. Kilda, S.2.

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STATE SELECTORS

After three State trials the Victorian State selectors have picked the Victorian team to play South Australia on Wednesday next, May 9 (Jubilee Day), in Adelaide.

The team has been chosen purely on football ability, and irrespective of what Division any player's team is playing in.

It is the opinion of the selectors that it will prove to be one of the strongest Victorian teams for many years. The team is as follows:—

		Rough (Moorabbin)			
White (Prahman)				Drummond (Brighton)	
Biatek (Polonia)		Zablocki (Polonia)		Drennan (Sunshine United)	
Hardman (Moreland)	Barr (Brighton)	Johnson (Preston)	Wilson (Prahman)	McFeeters (Box Hill)	

Reserve:—Clark (Moreland).

The team will be managed on the tour by myself, with Mr. F. Lang as assistant manager.

The Victorian selectors recommended, to the Australian selectors that Tom Jack (Brighton), Eric Heath (Moreland) and Joe Wilson (Prahman) should be tried out in Sydney in the Australian v. New South Wales game on Jubilee Day. All three have been accepted, and the Australian team now reads:—

		Conquest (N.S.W.)			
Heath (Vic.)				O'Neill (N.S.W.)	
Lawrie (Qld.)		Jack (Vic.)		Young (N.S.W.)	
Wilson (Vic.)	Johns (N.S.W.)	Nunn (Qld.)	Parsons (N.S.W.)	Pitcairn (Qld.)	

A. KERR, Chairman Victorian Selectors.

GIPPSLAND GLEANINGS

About a month ago we formed the State Rivers Sports Club, and the enthusiasm was tremendous. To date, we have 150 members, soccer being the most prominent sport. This year we have hopes to become associated with the Latrobe Valley League, and produce a winning side.

Mr. Dragi Antonovic, a new Australian from Yugoslavia, has worked unceasingly for the formation of this club. We have the support of Mr. J. Standish, chief engineer of the State Rivers, who is most enthusiastic.

The committee consists of Australians, new Australians, and various United Kingdom migrants. It was formed under the leadership of the president, Mr. Mawhinney, and Mr. Donnelly, secretary. The financial side is handled by Mr. R. Mandziak.—GORDON JOHNSON, hon. secretary Heyfield Soccer Club.

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Club Jottings

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BOX HILL

Box Hill met South Yarra at Surrey Park last Saturday, April 28, and retained its position at the top of the League table.

After the decisive win against Footscray, the selectors made no changes in the side. Yarra took the initiative and play was in the Hillmen's defence zone for some time, but the Yarra forwards were off the target. Box Hill then got going and a hard shot by Neil was deflected by the goalie to McFeeters, who made no mistake.

However, Box Hill's lead was short-lived. Yarra went into attack and from a scrimmage a few yards out Durnian gave Goddard no chance to save.

After the interval the game became a hard struggle for supremacy. Both sides were giving virile displays in defence. However, after persistent attacks, a pass from Brown to Neil lured Reynolds from goal. Neil, who won the race to the ball, lobbed over Reynolds's head to give the Hillmen the lead.

Best players:—South Yarra—Durnian, Sharman, Burrows and Whitaker. Box Hill—Neil, Otto, Tester, Hiatt, Nicholson and Goddard.

Don't forget the dance tonight (Saturday, May 5), at the Box Hill Town Hall (West), also the Street Stall in Main Street on Friday, May 11. Information about the latter is available from Mrs. Fox (WX 4263).—A. JARVIS.

FIFERS

The main news of the week is, of course, the first home victory this season of the Reserves. The 5-4 win against South Melbourne deserves the cheers and congratulations of all our supporters. We never single out individual players for special mention, but pass bouquets to the team.

The Seniors came from Middle Park without points, but happy with a 4-1 win. Reason? A clash of club colors decided the referee to postpone the match, so a friendly game was played instead.

Today we welcome George Cross for the first time since the '49 season and look forward to a good keen game. Wednesday, May 9, sees F.N.D. as our guests and to them we say welcome and congratulations on their promotion.

News of the "cripples": Bluey is almost fit after fracturing an elbow in a "friendly" with Brighton pre-season and we hope he will soon be in training. After a nasty knock at Preston, Jack MacLean tells us his dentures now seem right again!

Will this encourage players to attend training nights? We now serve tea after the workout, to go with the tactical talk. So if only to try the tea, why not come along?

FOOTSCRAY CITY

Against Park Rangers the City attacked from the kick-off and in four minutes had the ball in the net, Smillie being the scorer. The Rangers, settling down, had Laurie and Dawson defending hard. A period of 20 minutes of scrappy play saw the Rangers get the equaliser. Just before oranges, Footscray got a fortunate goal, and took the lead.

On the resumption the Rangers attacked constantly, but the City defence stood firm, although badly overworked. A misunderstanding in front of goal enabled the Rangers to equalise. A tame game ended in excitement, as in the closing stages either side could have taken both points.

The whole Footscray defence gave a sterling display, Smillie being the pick of the forwards.

Footscray Reserves lost 5-2 to a Reserve side nearly as good as any first team.—FREDDIE GREIG.

[Would Footscray City ask its correspondent to put his invitations to the Editor re drinking under a separate heading. They do not look well in print and make the Editor thirsty. I will probably be there anyway.—EDITOR.]

FRANKSTON

Last Saturday Frankston — against Polonia — failed badly, 6-1. Unfortunately, Frankston had to field two Reserves and also lost its inside-right, Peter Morgan, after 20 minutes. He resumed just before the interval but was a passenger for the rest of the game. P. Ims scored Frankston's lone goal. By doing so he earned 10/-, which was generously donated by a spectator for the scorer of the first and last goals.

Please do not ask for friendly Sunday matches on our ground. We can't get permission to use it on that day. We will welcome away matches on these days, however.

The dance last week was successful. Watch for further particulars of our next grand dance.—P. IMS.

[Will Frankston club please not send notes in the form of a letter. If you wish to write a letter, please do so under separate heading.—EDITOR.]

PRESTON

In a hard and fast game Preston was fortunate to defeat Hakoah, 2-1. Hakoah was unfortunate to lose the services of the goalie half-way through the second half. We hope the injury is not serious. The ten players put up a heroic fight to avert defeat. It wasn't until three minutes before the finish that Gilchrist drove in to give Preston the victory. We are pleased with the efforts of our new goalie, A. Kiss, who is proving a thorn in the sides of opponents. C. Zsomboer and B. Johnson have settled down with the club and are a decided acquisition.

We are holding a theatre night at the Plaza Theatre, High Street, Northcote, on May 16. Tickets are obtainable from members of committee and players.—V. HAYES.

PARK RANGERS

Although the game against Footscray City finished a draw (2-2), only one of the four goals was the result of good football. This was the equalising and last goal to Park Rangers. The ball travelled from Wilson, inside-left, to Nelson, right-half, to Clark, outside-right, to Woolford, centre-forward, the latter being the scorer.

Footscray backs and goal-keeper probably saved the side from defeat. The Rangers were more aggressive, but were compelled to pass or shoot hurriedly through the strong tackling of the home defence. After the Rangers had equalised, the pace of the game quickened, but with the Rangers halves and the City rear defences holding out, the forwards were unable to clinch the issue. The other goals were scored by Smillie (Footscray City), and Woolford (Rangers). Best Players: City—Dawson, Laurie, Smillie. Rangers—Guy, Nelson, Roberts, Wilson.

SANDRINGHAM CITY

Well, at last we've cracked it. Judging by both players and supporters, you would think we had won the Cup.

With our front line strengthened with Jim Wilson at outside-left, and John Low at inside-left, the Sandy team gave an excellent exhibition of fast non-stop football and comfortably routed the strong Sunshine United brigade. If our forwards had steadied a bit more in front of goals there would have easily been another couple in the net.

Reg. Parkhouse again gave a superb display in goal, and his saving of Andy Kyle's penalty shot was a gem.

Les Day, at centre-half, was again outstanding, whilst the evergreen Ronnie Walker struck top form at the right time. Don Bingham showed what damage well directed free kicks can do, as two goals came from his kicks taken from the half-way line. The whole Sandy team played well and there was not a weakness anywhere.

John Law suffered a nasty injury, and was operated on last Monday night for a badly fractured jaw and cheekbone. John, we sure will miss you.

The Under 14 Juniors are coming on well, and Coach John Phillips predicts at least one trophy will be won this season. Young Sergeant at centre-forward secured his second hat-trick for the season. Nice work, laddie; keep it up.

The Under 17, playing well, also had a win. Ron Edlin, elected vice-captain, is a very popular choice.

Today the First XI visit Yallourn. Here's hoping for a win.—WING-HALF.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

The first team was disappointed at the loss of a game when the referee abandoned the match owing to a clash of colors.

The Reserves enjoyed a thrilling game with Fifers. After an early 2-0 lead half-time score was 3-3. Fifers took the lead on resuming, but its 5-3 majority was reduced by a goal from McLeary. South's all-out effort for an equaliser didn't materialise.

Under 19 team and Juventus tied—1-1. Under 17 won convincingly—6-1 against Preston. Goals were scored by Eagleton (4) and Robinson (2). Under 15 beat Preston—1-0. Barry (goal-keeper), Hunter, Hathaway, Gleeson and Clarke played well. 14 "A" team drew with seven players from Sunshine—1-1. Maulton being the scorer. 14 "B" lost, 10-0, to Sandringham, but our boys will shine later.—A. CULF.

SOUTH YARRA

Against Box Hill at Fawkner Park South Yarra attacked most of the game but it was not until a few minutes before half-time that McMillan, receiving a good pass from Lamb, opened the score. In the second half Yarra obtained a penalty but did not convert and the game finished with the score: South Yarra Reserves 1, Box Hill Reserves 0.

South Yarra scored 8-3 against Royal Caledonians. Goal scorers for Yarra were Naylor (4), Hawkes (2), Knott, Walsh.

South Yarra Juniors Under 17 travelled to Ringwood only to find that the opposition did not turn up.—W. E. BINYON.

[Under our arrangements with the Taxation Department, we may not publish lists of results, fixtures or teams. Regret we had to delete yours, South Yarra.—EDITOR.]

UNIVERSITY

As usual, "Shop" has got away to a bad start, losing the first three games, but that it is on the up-grade is apparent by the diminishing margins of the losses: 4-1 Moreland, 3-1 Hakoah, 3-2 Navy, so that the corner should be turned soon.

Old timers who have hung up their boots (temporarily?) are Keith Gravell (cartilage) and Ken Warburton (wot, again?—a ruptured thigh muscle this time); and also missing from the field of play are Ingram Jamieson (winger once of Prahran); Bill Falvey (centre-half), who resides in Ballarat; Don Gray (goal-keeper), but surprisingly the vacancies have all been filled to good purpose. Bert Willee, third-back exponent, late of London University, and Pompey (Navy team) is, in addition to coaching the boys with the latest training routines (come and watch sometime, you First Division clubs!), also filling the centre-half position. Bert was asked to write on Soccer "Down Under" for the F.A. Handbook, and after about six months' research finally managed to get away about a ton of data to London last week. Nice going, boy! Goal-keeper recruit is Roger Johnston, a "rules" player who has adapted himself nicely to our code, whilst stalwarts in Alan Foxcroft, Harold White, Wilf Frey, Dick (Doc.) Wyatt, Sandy, Alan Gravell, Arthur Deacon and Finlay Sinclair remain faithful. Keep at it, chaps, the luck must change.—KEN. Warburton.

ULSTERVILLE

At Heidelberg the ground was in splendid condition. Although the score was 9-0 in Ulsterville's favor, it was a good game, marred only by a few incidents and by a poor display of refereeing. Several of the players showed good form, a few being W. Campbell, our inside-right, a player who is worthy of higher standards; the captain, T. Brown, who played a very sound game at right-back; and our centre-half, J. Finlay, who is a real stalwart in the defence. We thank the captain and other players of Heidelberg for the gool luck wishes.—ALEXANDER BLACK.

LEAGUE TABLES AS AT APRIL 28, 1951

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
First Division							
Box Hill	4	3	0	1	16	7	7
Brighton	4	2	0	2	18	5	6
Yallourn	4	2	0	2	8	6	6
Footscray City	4	2	1	1	10	12	5
South Yarra	4	2	2	0	12	9	4
Sunshine United	4	2	2	0	7	7	4
Prahran	4	1	2	1	10	11	3
Park Rangers	4	0	1	3	5	7	3
Sandringham City	4	1	3	0	6	8	2
Sunshine City	4	0	4	0	5	25	0

Second Division							
J.U.S.T.	4	4	0	0	15	1	8
Juventus	4	2	0	2	17	4	6
F.N.D.	4	3	1	0	11	10	6
Hakoah J.R.C.	4	2	1	1	9	5	5
Preston	4	2	1	1	8	10	5
Moreland	4	1	2	1	7	12	3
George Cross	4	1	3	0	10	11	2
South Melbourne	3	1	2	0	8	10	2
Fifers	3	0	2	1	2	7	1
University	4	0	4	0	5	19	0

South Melbourne v. Fifers.—Match not played.

Third Division							
Int. Harvester	4	4	0	0	14	2	8
Olympic	4	3	1	0	12	7	6
Coburg	4	2	1	1	11	7	5
Moorabbin City	4	2	1	1	11	7	5
White Eagles	4	2	2	0	10	8	4
Royal Caledonians	4	1	2	1	6	13	3
Woodlands	4	0	3	1	3	18	1
Williamstown	4	0	4	0	5	10	0

Fourth Division							
Maccabi	4	4	0	0	15	1	8
Polonia	4	4	0	0	24	2	8
Ulsterville	4	4	0	0	22	2	8
Slavia	2	2	0	0	7	3	4
Geelong United	4	0	4	0	4	14	0
Balwyn United	3	0	3	0	2	15	0
Frankston	3	0	3	0	1	11	0
Heidelberg	4	0	4	0	1	28	0

Balwyn United v. Slavia.—Result not telephoned.

Slavia v. Frankston, 21/4/51. — Slavia, please notify result to Association.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
First Division Reserves							
South Yarra	4	2	0	2	10	5	6
Sunshine United	4	3	1	0	11	9	6
Park Rangers	4	2	1	1	18	10	5
Brighton	4	2	1	1	7	4	5
Prahran	4	2	1	1	11	7	5
Yallourn	4	1	1	2	7	8	4
Box Hill	4	2	2	0	8	11	4
Sandringham City	4	1	2	1	4	5	3
Sunshine City	4	1	3	0	5	15	2
Footscray City	4	0	4	0	4	11	0

Second Division Reserves							
Moreland	3	3	0	0	6	2	6
Hakoah	4	3	1	0	13	6	6
George Cross	4	3	1	0	7	5	6
F.N.D.	4	3	1	0	11	10	6
Juventus	4	2	2	0	8	5	4
South Melbourne	4	2	3	0	6	9	2
Preston	4	1	3	0	5	8	2
Fifers	3	1	2	0	6	11	2
University	4	1	3	0	6	12	2
J.U.S.T.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0

Moreland v. J.U.S.T.: Result not telephoned. J.U.S.T. v. Fifers (21/4/51): J.U.S.T. please notify result to Association.

Third Division Reserves							
Polonia	4	4	0	0	23	1	8
Williamstown	4	3	0	1	20	5	7
Park Rangers	4	3	0	1	20	6	7
South Yarra	4	2	0	2	21	12	6
Box Hill	3	2	1	0	18	9	4
Coburg	4	1	2	1	16	15	3
R.A.A.F.	4	1	2	1	11	19	3
Brighton	4	1	3	0	7	12	2
Macedonians	2	1	1	0	1	7	2
Olympic	4	1	3	0	3	22	2
Royal Caledonians	3	0	3	0	3	13	0
Moorabbin City	4	0	4	0	4	23	0

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